

REMARKS

The application has been amended to place it in condition for allowance at the time of the next Official Action.

Claims 2-26 were previously pending in the application. Claim 7 is cancelled, therefore leaving claims 2-6 and 8-26 for consideration.

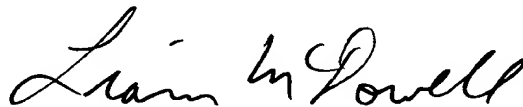
Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-6 and 8-26 are allowable.

Cancelling claim 7 is believed to render moot the rejection over ROBERTSON et al. 6,594,799.

Since the claims remaining in the application are indicated as allowed and since there are believed no outstanding formal matters, the application is believed in condition for allowance. An early notification of allowance is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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